

Washington - Today, Congressman John Olver (1st District) announced that the House Appropriations Committee has approved funding for new buses in Berkshire County," Olver said. "Updated buses will ultimately mean better service for Berkshire County," Olver said. "Approval by the Appropriations Committee is a preliminary step toward final passage of the Transportation bill." "My hope is that this funding will make it easier to get around Berkshire County. That the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA) will replace some older 35 foot buses with new ones." Olver helped to secure \$19.6 million in transportation earmarks for the First Congressional District. "This is an auspicious start for the Transportation bill," Olver said. "As the Appropriations Committee moves forward with the bill, we will continue to work closely with the BRTA and the community to ensure that the funding is used effectively."

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